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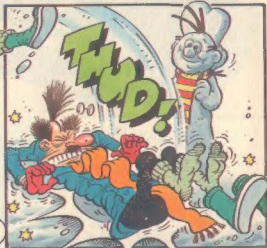
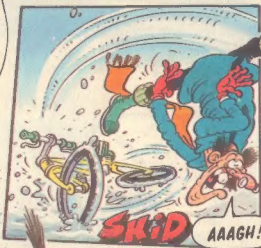
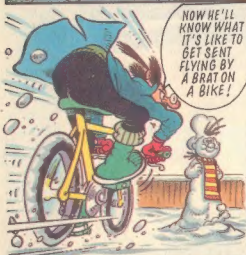
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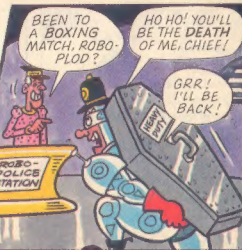
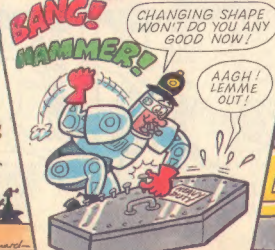
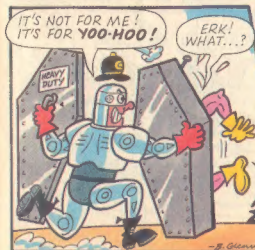
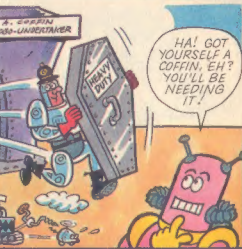
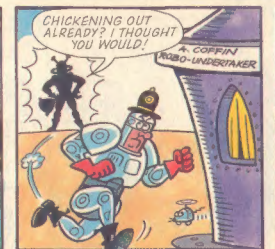
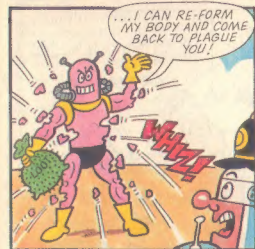
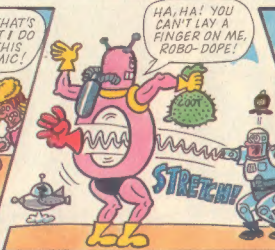
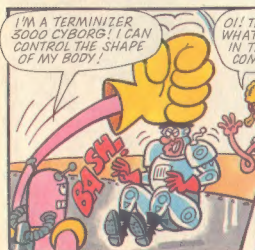
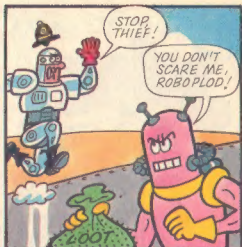
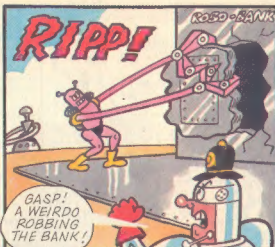




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Joker

THE WEATHER FORECAST SAYS THERE'S NO CHANCE OF A WHITE CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR...

DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT!

NEXT INSTANT...
WHHEE!

EH? SNOW-BALLS!

WHIZZ!

IT'S JOKER! HE'S GOT TONS OF SNOW-BALLS!

BUT HOW? THERE HASN'T BEEN ANY SNOW!

HUH! IT ISN'T SNOW! IT'S A FAKE... NOTHING BUT COTTON WOOL!

HA! YOU'RE RUMBLER, JOKER... COTTON WOOL SNOW-BALLS DON'T SCARE US!

I'M SURE THEY DON'T...

... BUT WHAT IF THEY ARE STINK-BALLS!

EH?... OOOH!

GROOHH! WHAT A NIFF! RUN FOR IT!

CRACK! PONG!

CRACK! PONG!

HE'S STILL AFTER US!

THE BIG STORE

HELP! CLOTHES IN HERE! QUICK!

OOPS! SORRY!

TOGGLE!

BUM!

IT'S LANDED ON JOKER!

IT'S ONLY COTTON WOOL... HE'LL BE OKAY!

BETTER SEND FOR EXPERT HELP!

MMMMH!

Ffflepp!

AND SO...

HO, HO! WE GET THE LAST LAUGH, JOKER!

YOU HAD TO BE RESCUED FROM A COTTON WOOL AVALANCHE! WHAT A WIMP!

BAH!

~SID BURTON~

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A Nintendo Control Deck Set PLUS

Super Mario Bros. 3 Game Pak



2 RUNNER UP PRIZES

Each of our two runners-up will receive a Nintendo Control Deck Set... featuring a console, two hand controllers and game

...I'M BACK



HOW TO ENTER

MARIO, the moustachioed Brooklyn plumber is back in the magical Mushroom Kingdom in his third great adventure. As usual he's joined in his mission to save the Mushroom world by his brother. Now, to enter our simple competition all we want you to do is tell us the name of Mario's brother. Is it: LOPEZ...LAZIO...or LUIGI? Write what you think is the correct answer on a postcard or back of a sealed down envelope - add your name and address, and send your entry to: NINTENDO Competition, Buster Comic, P.O. Box 164, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 3XB. Entries should arrive by Friday 24th January, 1992, which is the closing date. The sender of the first correct entry judged after that date will win the Nintendo Control Deck Set PLUS Super Mario Bros. 3 Game Pak. The senders of the next two correct entries judged will each win a Nintendo Control Deck Set. Usual Buster competition rules apply. The Editor's decision is final in all matters.

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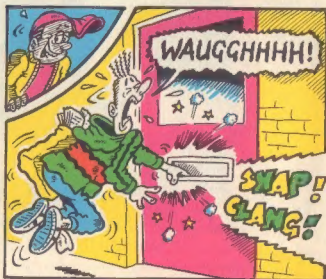
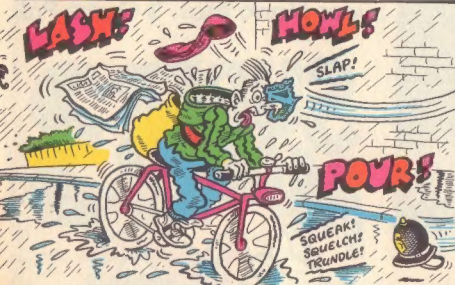
is brilliant for competitions...

THE PAPER Round RAP



Here's a job that will make you grey.
A job that will make you want to pray,
That you'll last the day.
Yeah, this sucker is on a paper round,
Heading for a nervous breakdown.
He's wearing out his shoes,
So other people can read the news.

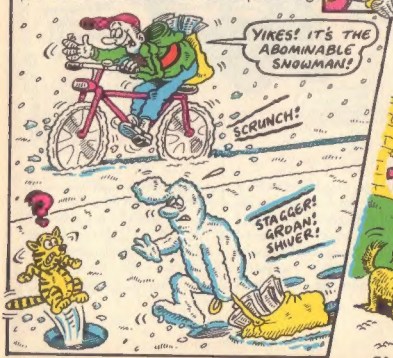
For a few quid a week,
This ain't no job for the weak.
You gotta be ready for something real bad,
It also helps if you're completely mad.
Take this poor kid, he was in for a shock,
When he got his hand trapped in a letterbox.
Some of those letterboxes are real mean,
They'll take your fingers off like a guillotine.

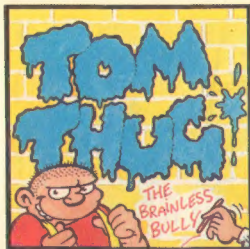


And if you ain't gotta bike
Then you'll just have to hike.
Up at the crack of dawn,
Walking through a blinding snow storm.
It makes him wanna weep,
'cos he knows his mates are still fast asleep.
They are all warm and snug,
While he's out in all weathers-the poor mug.



All the dogs, they're paper-boy haters,
Here's a kid delivering papers.
See him jump the fence,
Without the seats of his pants.
That's in the jaws of some canine,
It happens all the time.
On the paper round.

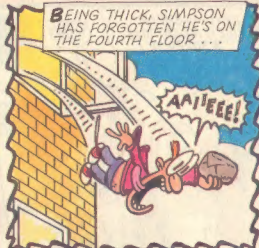
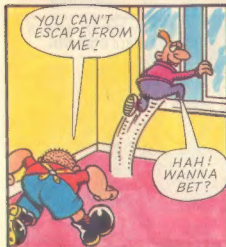




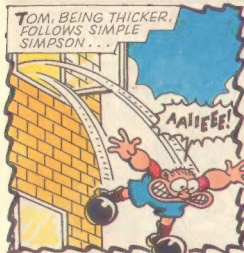
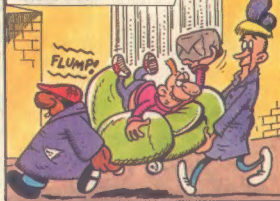
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THE SECOND THICKEST KID
IN TOWN...



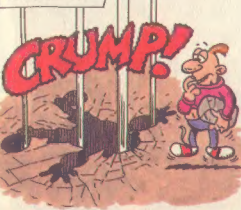
...HERE'S THE THICKEST!



LUCKILY, A NEW COMFY CHAIR
IS JUST BEING DELIVERED TO
THE STAFF ROOM...

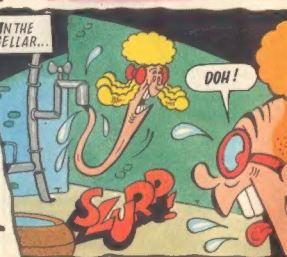
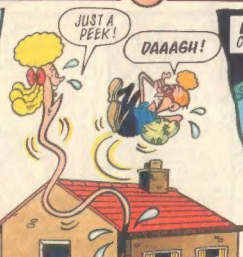
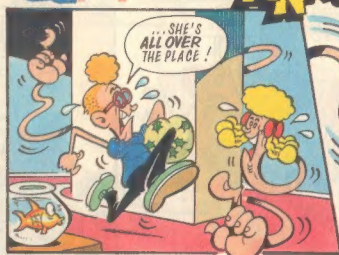
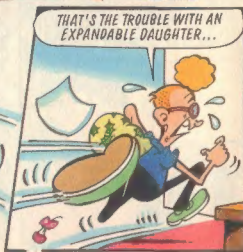


... UNFORTUNATELY, THE
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MOVED ON.

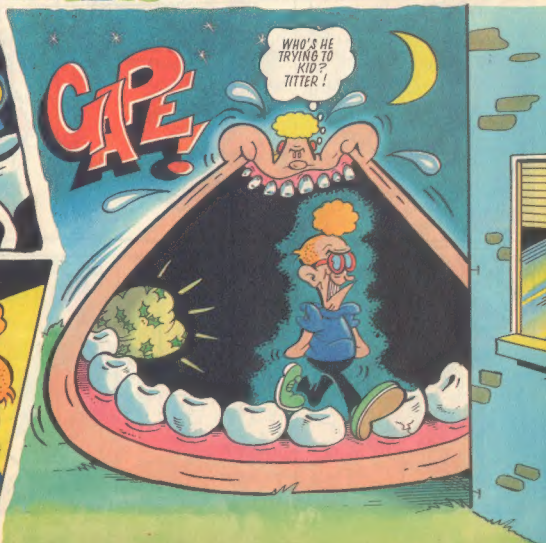
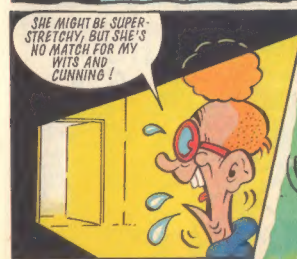
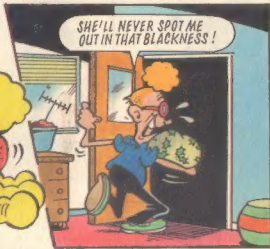
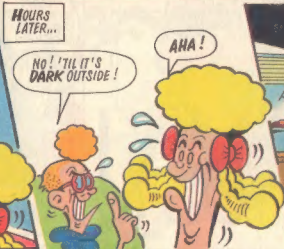
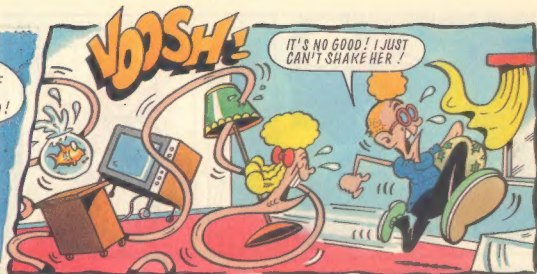
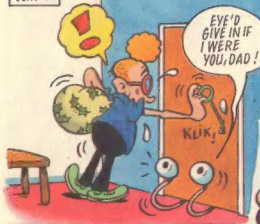


SIMPLE SIMPSON'S MUM. (ALSO THICK).

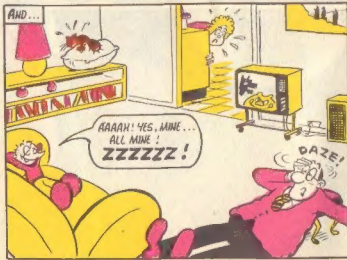
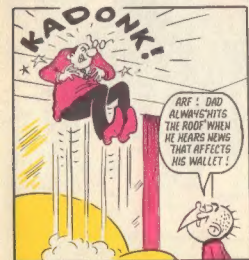
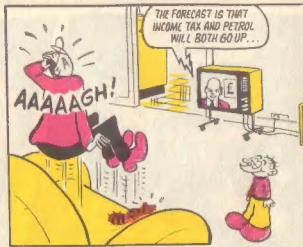
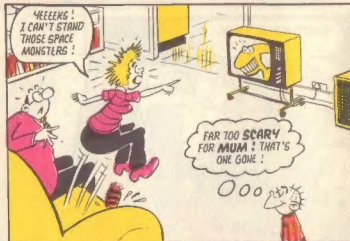
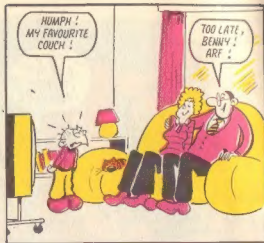


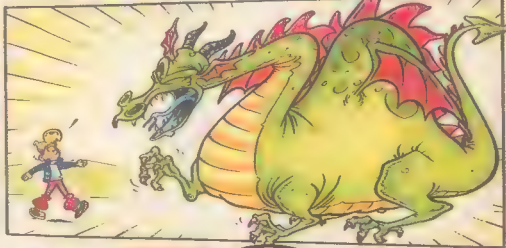
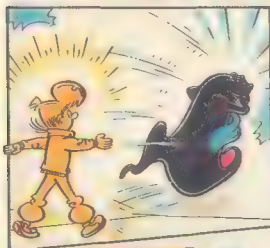
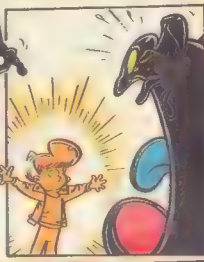
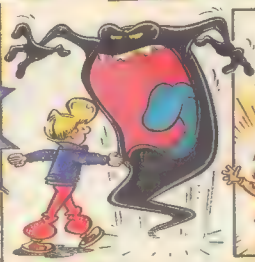
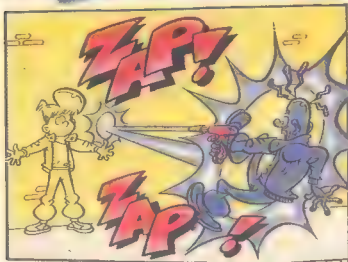
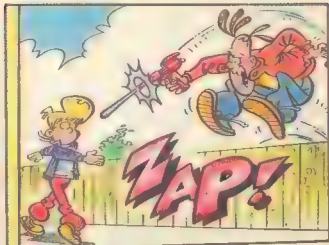
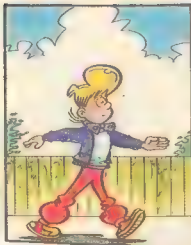


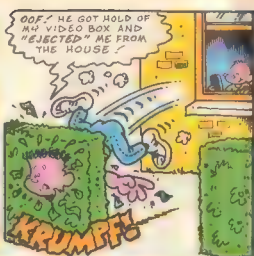
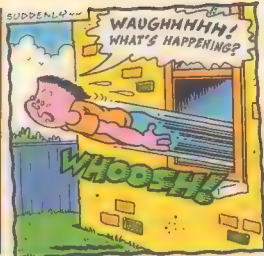
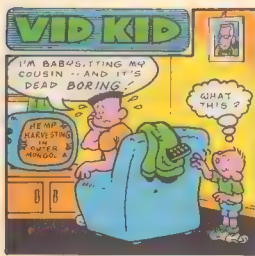
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Lazy Bones







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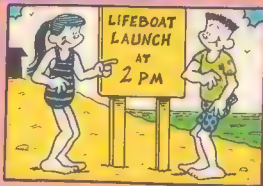
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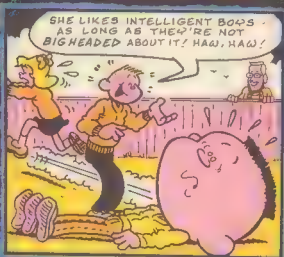
16 DEC ILANA WASERBERGER (age 12), EDGWARE
18 DEC CHRISTOPHER AND DAVID PEACOCK (TWINS - age 13), CLWYD.
18 DEC PAUL DONOHUE (age 12), CARRICK-ON-SHANNON.



Dear Buster, your Vid Kid artist is not very good at maths. The sum in this picture is wrong. Two TIMES (not PLUS) 27 = 54! -ROGER DUNCE, HALESWORTH.

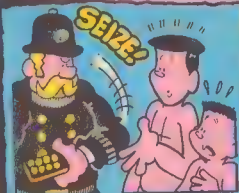


Dear Buster, I spotted a mistake in a recent Vid Kid. In one picture the stripes on his sister's costume were going ACROSS, but in the next picture, they go DOWN! -RACHEL MCGILLYN, BURNLEY.

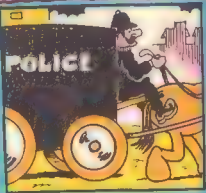


Dear Buster, I've noticed a mistake in Vid Kid. In one picture, he was drawn with three feet instead of two! -DAVID LEWORTH, SIDMOUTH

This was also spotted by Matthew Jacques of Northallerton and Peter J Alexander of Macclesfield.

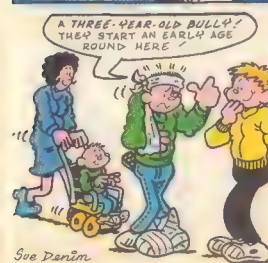
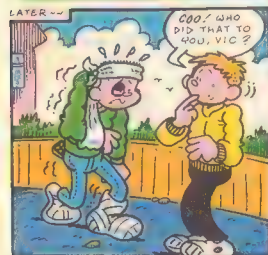
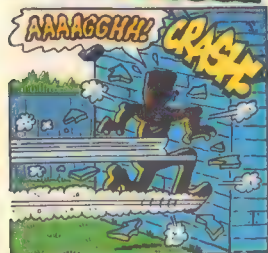
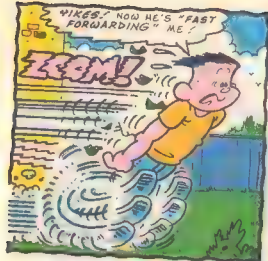


Dear Buster, I found a mistake in Vid Kid. In the first picture, the policeman has BLOND hair, but in the next, it is BLACK! -DYLAN MURPHY, SUTTON, DUBLIN.



FOOLED YOU!!

STARTING WITH THE ISSUE OF BUSTER DATED 16 FEBRUARY 1991, THE VID KID ARTIST HAS MADE AT LEAST ONE DELIBERATE MISTAKE IN EVERY STORY!! CAN YOU SPOT THIS WEEK'S ERROR? LOOK AT VIC'S BLACK EYES! KEEP YOUR EYES PEELLED AND HAVE FUN TRYING TO DISCOVER THE MISTAKE EACH WEEK - PLUS THE HIDDEN PICTURE OF THE ARTIST!



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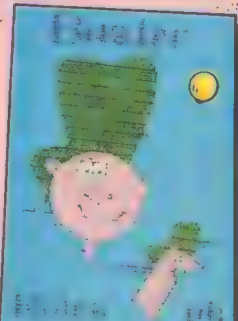


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Dear Buster,
This is a picture of you in the Weavers School uniform, which is also my uniform. If possible, could you please print it in your mega-cool mag.
- Karl Woodbridge, Wellingborough.

... Your school uniform has a GREEN CAP ???



Dear Buster, I have drawn a picture of you and your worm on my computer and I would be grateful if you would print it for me.
- Simon Knubbs, Northampton.

Belle goes on day trip

Dear Buster, School Belle must be famous if the newspaper prints this headline just because she got on a day trip!
- Karen Reynolds, Brighton.

Please fill in and send this coupon when you write to me.

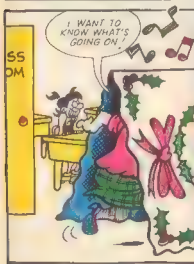
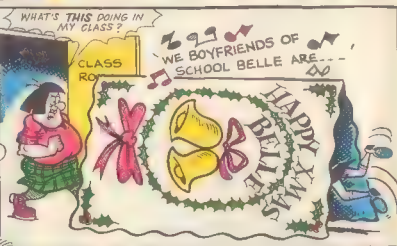
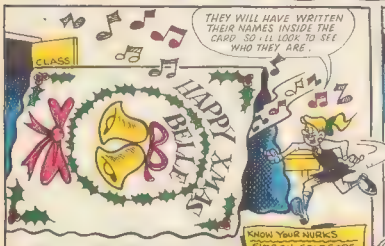
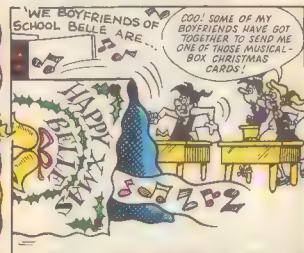
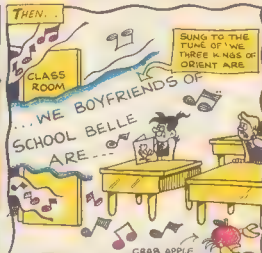
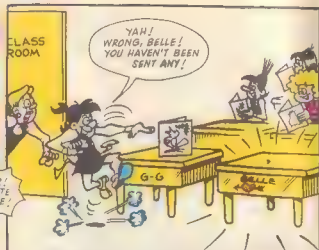
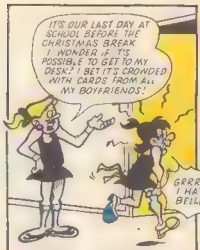
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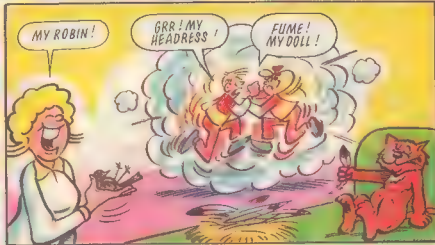
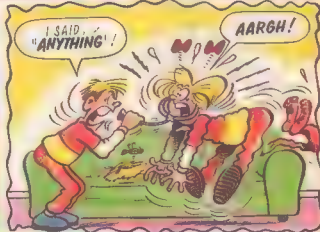
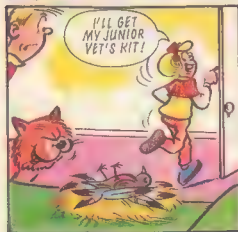
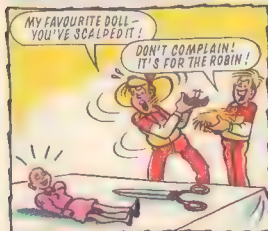
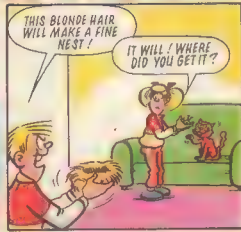
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I think this is boring: _____

SCHOOL BELLE



DOUBLE TROUBLE



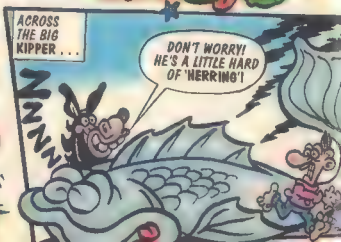
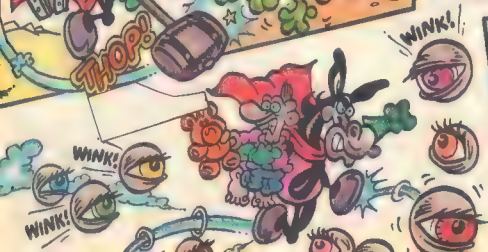
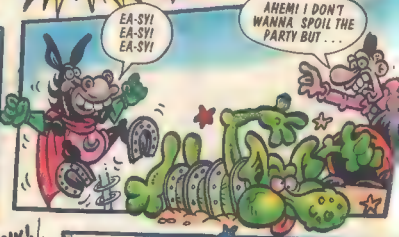
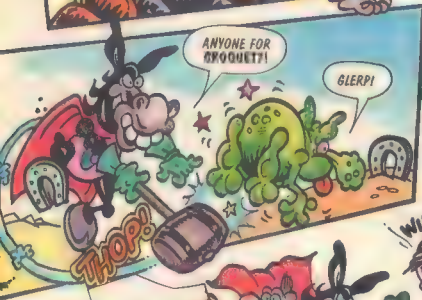
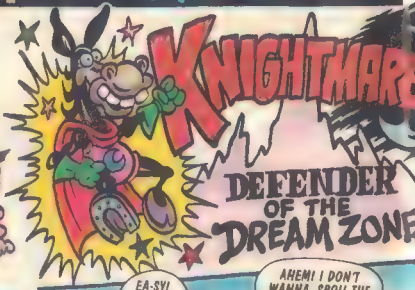
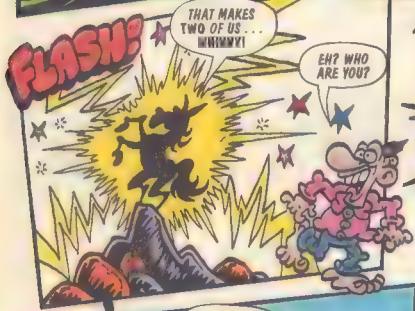
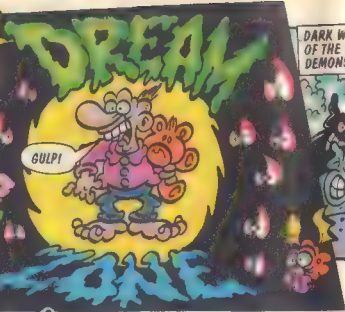
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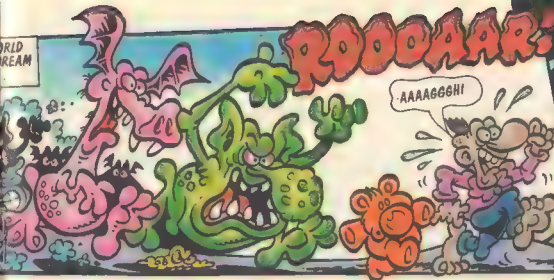
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HE GOT LOST IN THE

LANDS OF NOD
ENTER AT THY PERIL!

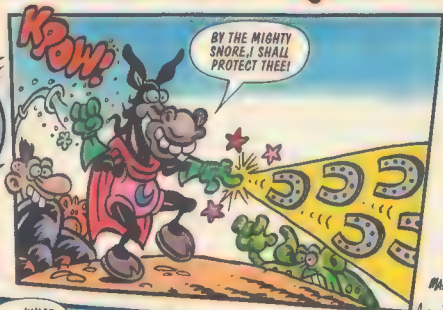




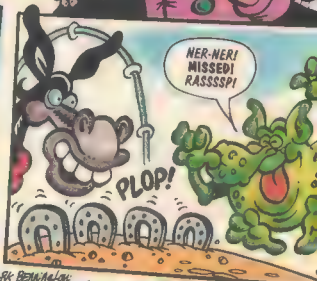
WORLD
DREAM

AAAAGGGHI!

MY VOICE...
CROAK... I'VE
SCREAMED SO MUCH,
I'M ALL HOARSE!



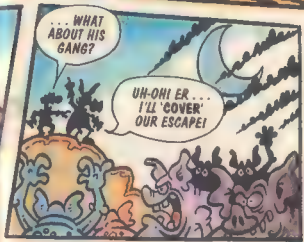
BY THE MIGHTY
SNORE, I SHALL
PROTECT THEE!



NER-NER!
MISSED!
RASSSSP!

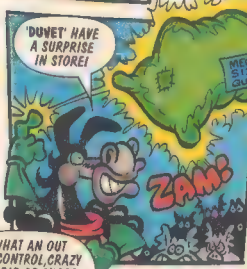
PLOP!

MARK BERNAGLIA



... WHAT
ABOUT HIS
GANG?

UH-OH! ER...
I'LL 'COVER'
OUR ESCAPE!



'DUVET' HAVE
A SURPRISE
IN STORE!

ZAM!



FLOP!

OII!

MMFI!

EVERYTHINGS
'UNDER'
CONTROL,
KID!

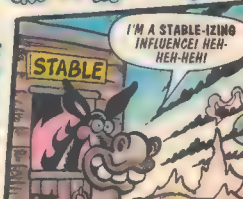


YONDER
TRACK LEADS TO
WAKEY-WAKEY LAND
AND SAFETY!

YEEHAA!

WHAT AN OUT
OF CONTROL, CRAZY
WORLD OF CHAOS
THIS WOULD BE
WITHOUT YOU!

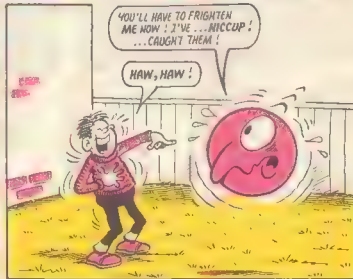
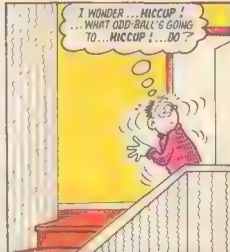
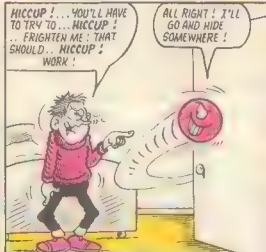
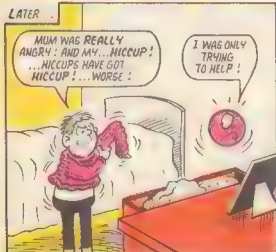
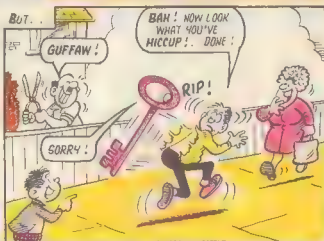
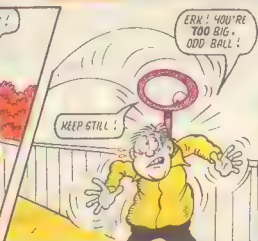
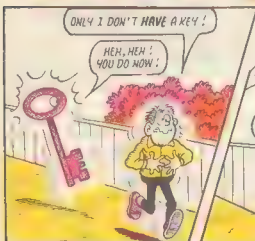
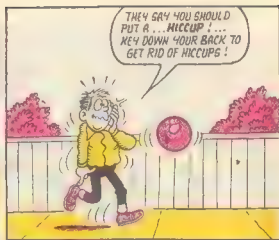
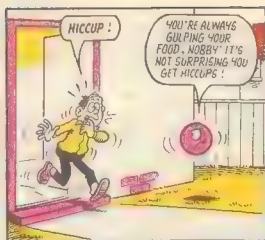
QUITE!



I'M A STABLE-IZING
INFLUENCE! HEH-
HEH-HEH!

STABLE

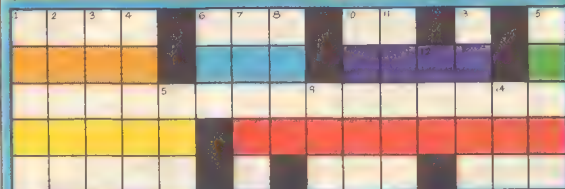
Odd-BALL



BRAIN BUSTERS

MYSTERY MESSAGE!

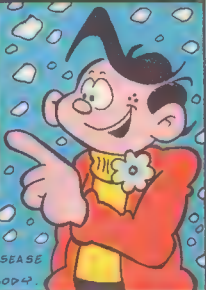
ANSWER THE CLUES DOWN AND THE COLOURED BOXES ACROSS WILL SPELL A MYSTERY MESSAGE!



CLUES DOWN:

- 1 YOU HAVE ONE ON EACH HAND
- 2 THE BUSTER CHARACTER PICTURED HERE
- 3 A PLAY IN WHICH ALL THE WORDS ARE SUNG
- 4 HAIR ON A MAN'S CHIN
- 5 YOU SEE WITH IT
- 6 USE IT TO COLOUR CLOTH
- 7 PERSON WHO TRAINS A FOOTBALL TEAM

- 8 DO SOMETHING IN A HURRY
- 9 NOAH SAILED IN IT
- 10 SIT ON THIS
- 11 NOT TRUE
- 12 VALUE ADDED TAX
- 13 TINY CREATURES THAT CAUSE DISEASE
- 14 BUSTER WEARS A GREEN ONE
- 15 AROUND THE MIDDLE OF HOUR BODY



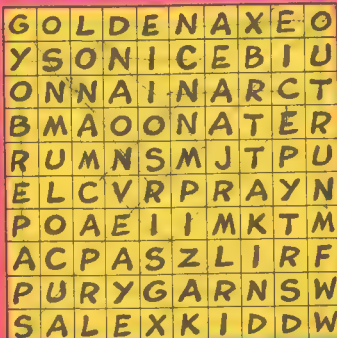
ANSWERS: 1 THUMB, 2 JOKER, 3 OPERA, 4 BEARD, 5 LAKE, 6 PALE, 7 COACH, 8 RUSH, 9 ARK, 10 CHAIR, 11 FALSB, 12 VAIN, 13 GLENN, 14 CAP, 15 WAIST, 16 FILM, 17 IN THE ANSWERS TO REAP THE MESSAGE

PRIZE

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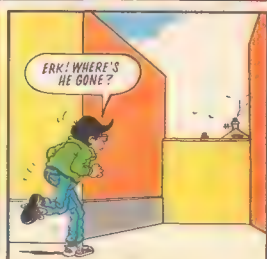
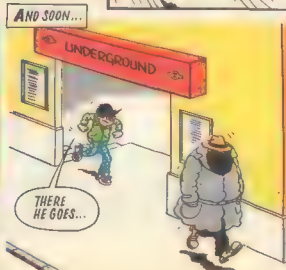
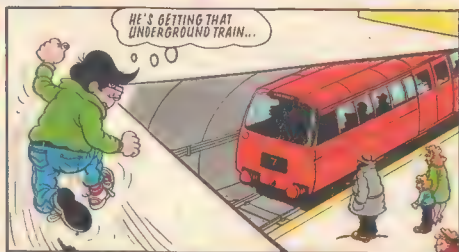
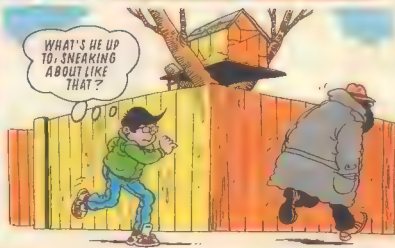
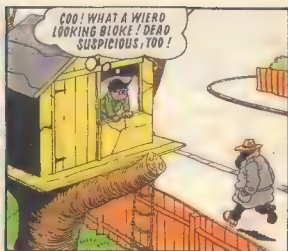


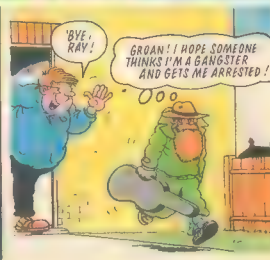
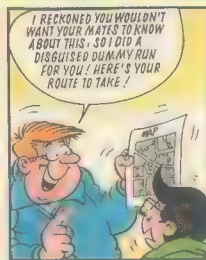
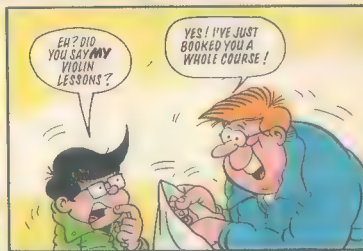
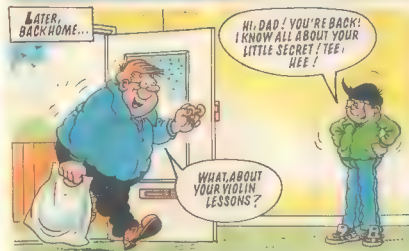
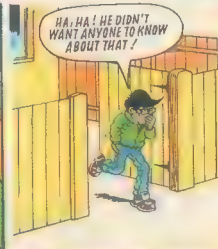
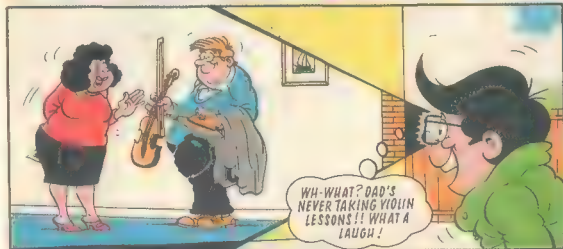
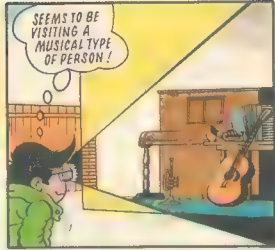
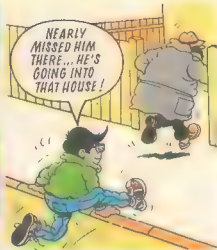
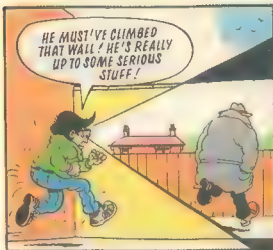
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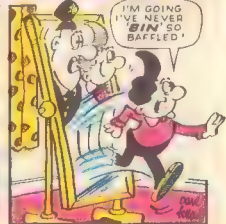
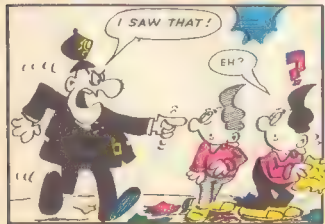
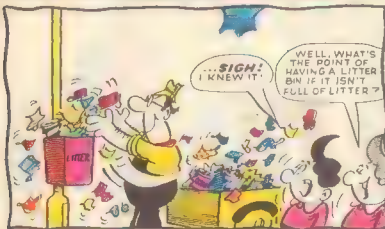
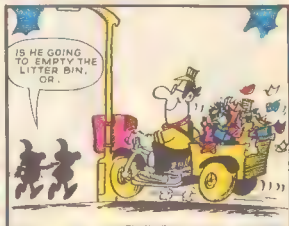
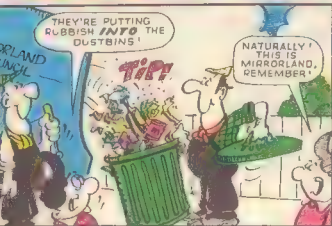
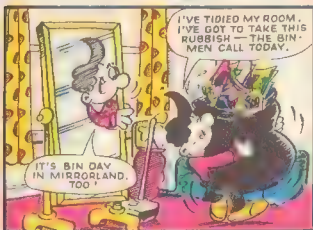
THIS WEEK'S HIDDEN WORDS ARE ALL VIDEO GAME TITLES!



ALEX KIDD
 COLUMNS
 GOLDEN AXE
 KLAX
 NARC
 NINJA
 OUT RUN
 PACMAN
 PAPERBOY
 R TYPE
 RYGAR
 SIMPSON'S
 SONIC
 SUPER MARIO
 TETRIS
 VIZ
 WWF
 XENON







VICS VIDS



Being a properly telly add ct, there's only one problem at Christmas... and that's the really gross old films that they keep repeating over and over again. Well, this Christmas I'm only going to be watching v-deos... and here are four I know I'm going to enjoy: Transformers, Rod n' Emu, Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles and The Super Mario Bros. Supe Show. They're all from Tempo Video and are in the shops this very minute. Now I've got five VHS copies of each of these videos up for grabs... if you'd like to try for one, simply write your name and address on a postcard or the back of a sealed down empty envelope, and send to Vics Christmas v-ids at the Buster address. Don't forget to indicate which of the four videos you would prefer. Closing date for entries is Tuesday, 24th December 1991. Senders of the first five entries pulled from the postbag for each title will get the goodies.



DON'T MISS NEXT WEEK'S
GREAT CHRISTMAS

ISSUE
FEATURING
**CAPTAIN
CRUCIAL**

PLUS A MEGA-FAB
CHRISTMAS GAME
AND LOTS MORE
FESTIVE FUN!

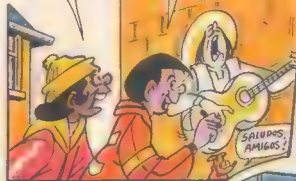


Buster at Christmas - It's better than brilliant



WOW! THAT
LOOKS REALLY
GREAT, CHALKY!

IT WILL
BE, ONCE
I FINISH
IT OFF!



BAH! NOW I'VE
RUN OUT OF CHALK.
I'LL HAVE TO NIP
ALONG TO THE SHOP
AND GET SOME
MORE.

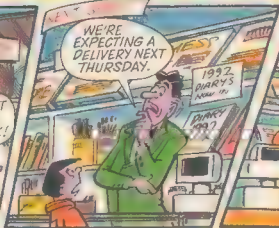


SORRY,
WE'RE
RIGHT
OUT OF
CHALK!

JUST
MY
LUCK!



WE'RE
EXPECTING
A DELIVERY
NEXT
THURSDAY.



WOULD YOU BELIEVE
IT, I SOLD THE LAST BOX
FIVE MINUTES AGO!

GRR! I'D
BELIEVE IT!!

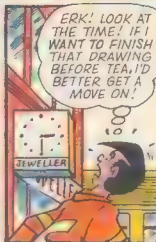


YOUR MATE TERRY
SMITH BOUGHT
THEM.

TA! I'LL GO ROUND
TO HIS PLACE AND
BORROW SOME!



ERK! LOOK AT
THE TIME! IF I
WANT TO FINISH
THAT DRAWING
BEFORE TEA, I'D
BETTER GET A
MOVE ON!



I'LL TAKE A
SHORT-CUT
ACROSS THIS
FIELD!



WAUGHHHH!



THE BAD NEWS
IS, I DIDN'T SEE
THIS DROP— BUT
THE GOOD NEWS
IS, I'VE FOUND
LOTS OF
CHALK!



I'M
HANGING
OVER A
CHALK
QUARRY!
HEEELP!



DON'T WORRY, HE'LL
BE BACK NEXT WEEK,
SAFE AND SOUND!

MICHAEL

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN A COYOTE AND
A FLEA?

ONE HOWLS ON
THE PRAIRIE, THE
OTHER PROWLs ON
THE HAIRY!

CHRIS READ,
NORWICH.

How would you like to be world famous, and have your joke appear on my Joke Pad? If you've got a joke - and it doesn't matter if it's written or drawn - send it to: Chalky's Joke Pad, Buster Comic, P.O. Box 164, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 3XB. The sender of each joke I select for publication will receive £2. If your joke is chosen as my 'Golden Gag' you'll win £5.

CHALKY'S JOKE PAD!

HO-HO!



FANCY A BAKED POTATO, BRAINSLY?
COO: NOT HALF, BUSTER!
GREAT! GET ME ONE, TOO!

LUKE PLEBEY, BROMLEY.

WHAT DOES
NIGEL MANSELL
EAT?

FAST
FOOD!

ORDER YOUR
FAB
BUSTER
NOW!

IAN BUCKLEY, EAST TWICKENHAM.

I'VE JUST COME
BACK FROM THE
BEAUTY PARLOUR!

OH. SHUT,
WAS IT?

PAUL
HARTNETT,
CURRAGH.

SOOT
CASE

HAND-
SAG

WHAT'S RED AND
VERY SILLY?

A BLOOD
CLOT!

ROBERT CHATWOOD, BARNSELY.

HOW MANY TIMES
HAVE I TOLD YOU
NOT TO RING ME
AT WORK?

HAVE YOU HEARD THE
JOKE ABOUT THE WALL?

NO...?

I'D BETTER NOT
TELL YOU - YOU
MIGHT NOT
GET OVER IT!

DANIEL JACKSON, BARDNEY.

CHRIS & LOUISE KING,
NEW RADNOR.

DOCTOR, DOCTOR -
I KEEP THINKING
I'M A SOFT
DRINK!

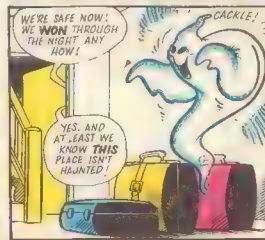
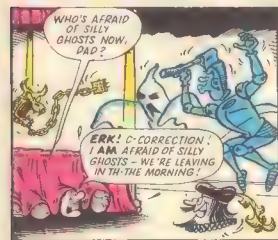
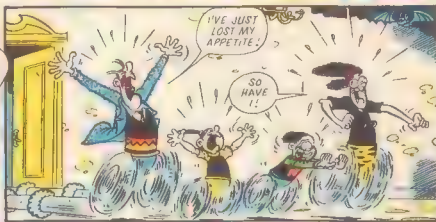
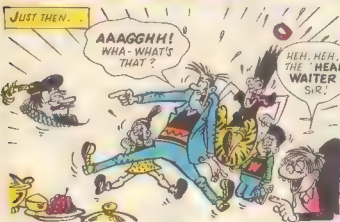
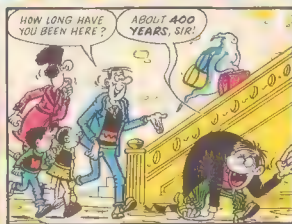
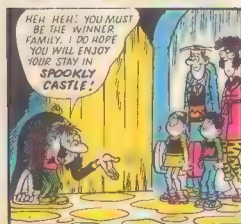
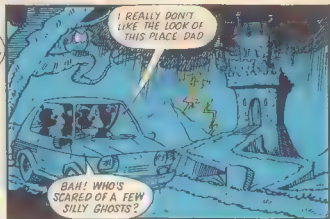
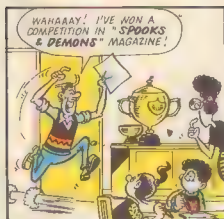
WELL, STOP
PLAYING
SQUASH!

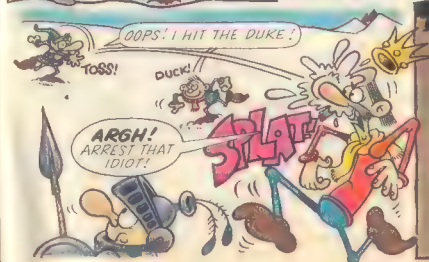
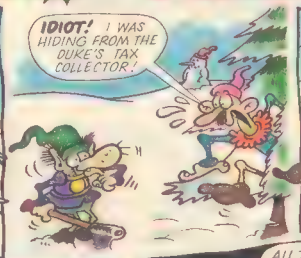
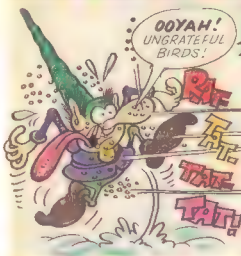
REBECCA LEGGATT,
WYBERTON FEN.

Attach this to your joke



The WINNERS

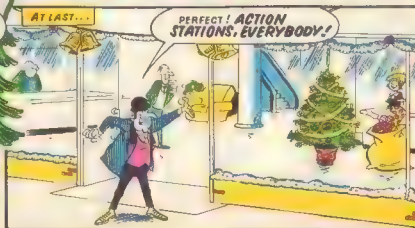
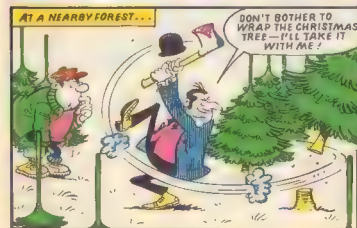
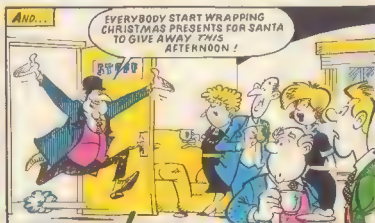
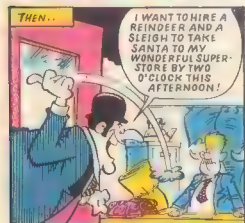
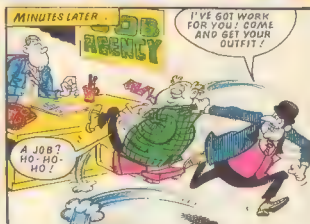
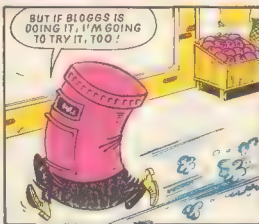
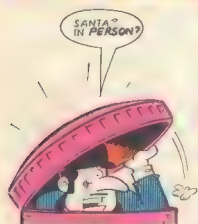
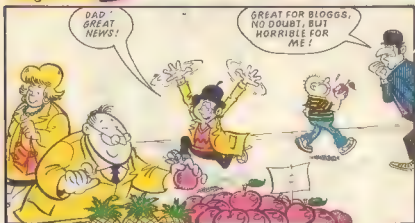


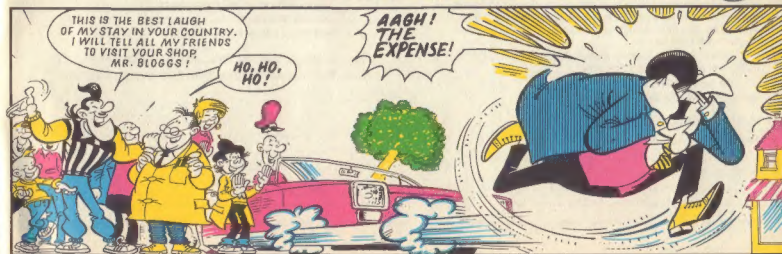
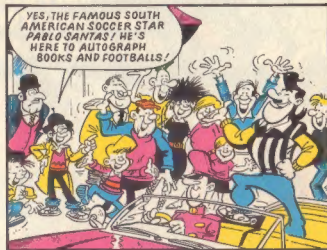
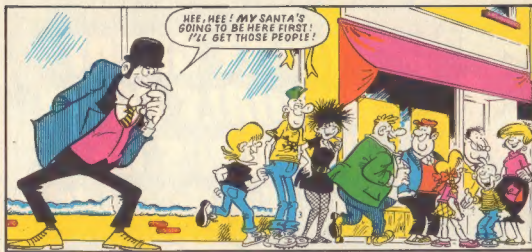


BARGAINS
REDUCTIONS!
SPECIAL OFFERS

Store Wars

£5
OFF
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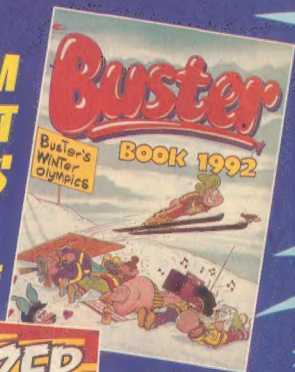
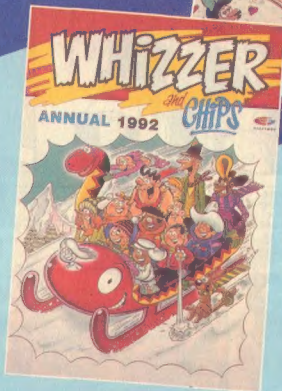
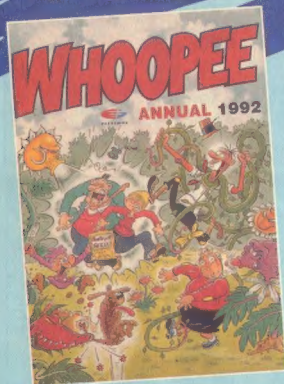






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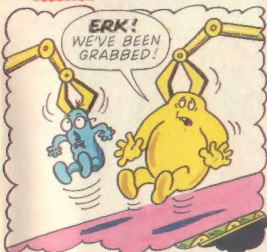
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